

Rudston Parish Council

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Minutes of a Meeting held in the Village Hall on
Thursday, 9th May 2019.

Present: Mr. B. Warcup (Chairman)
Mr. S. Rhodes (Vice-Chairman)
Mr. P. Wood
Mr. I. Simmonds
Mr. T. Smallwood
Mrs. S. Tompkin
Mrs. A. Starkey
Ms. J. Hobson (Clerk)
Cllr Evison
Cllr Owen
Mrs Ezard

1. Apologies: Apologies were received from Mrs Potter, Mr Overfield and Mr Shanks.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting 27th March 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record.

3. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Mrs Starkey proposed that Mr Warcup continue as Chairman, this was seconded by Mr Rhodes and agreed by all. Mr Warcup agreed to take on the role for a second year.

Mr Warcup proposed that Mr Rhodes continue as Vice-Chairman, this was seconded by Mr Wood and agreed by all. Mr Rhodes agreed to take on the role.

4. Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

5. Public Representations

There were no public representations.

6. Matters Arising:

(i) Defibrillator Project No 2

The Chair confirmed that the defibrillator training session was due to be held on Saturday 18th May at 10am in the meeting room of the Village Hall. The Clerk confirmed that there were 10 attendees on the list already.

After looking further into moving the defibrillator from its current location, the cost to move it would be in excess of £2K. It was agreed by all that this was too cost prohibitive at this time.

(ii) Bosville Arms

Mr Simmonds confirmed that a decision on the Planning Appeal was still to be made at ERYC so until that decision, no further progress could be made.

(iii) Corner Garden Sustainability

The Clerk had received an e-mail from Mr Jon Traill, Living Landscapes Manager at

Yorkshire Wildlife Trust. Mr Traill had agreed to give some advice to the Corner Garden project and had requested a telephone conversation initially, to gain a better understanding of exactly what help was needed. The Chairman agreed to speak further with Mr Traill on the matter.

(iv) Church Steps

The Chair suggested that in the absence of Mr Shanks, this topic be moved to the next meeting, this was agreed by all.

(v) Village Taskforce Walkabout 2019 Results

The Chair confirmed that himself and Mrs Ezard had attended the Village Walkabout on 16th April. He summarised various items brought up such as repainting of benches, clearing of drains, washing of street name plates and repair of various pot holes. The Chair also reported that the smelly discharge coming from Orchard Cottage had been noted by the Taskforce team and had been reported to Environmental Control. The Highways team agreed to consider retaining the bank on Church Lane to stop land slippage into the footpath. The Chair requested an extension to the footpath opposite the Church and drop kerbs on both sides of the road to enable pedestrians to cross the road safely. It was noted that a footpath the full length of the B1253 to Orchard Cottage would be ideal if possible. The Parish Council had received the full schedule of issues from the Taskforce team and also various e-mails showing correspondence between the Taskforce team and various other departments. The Parish Council would monitor the progress on these matters over the coming months.

6. Electricity Contract Renewal

The Clerk confirmed that the Street Lighting electricity contract had now expired with Npower and had received a renewal price from Npower which would give an estimated annual spend of £1448.74. A similar quotation from EON came in at £1571.23. It was agreed by all that the Clerk accept the Npower proposal.

8. Footpaths

The Chair reminded the Parish Council that they had been told by ERYC that the footpath that runs down the side of Gypsey Race between East Gate and Marton Lane was considered to be private. The Chair invited Mrs Ezard to speak. Mrs Ezard had been in touch with ERYC and she had been told that this particular footpath was in fact Footpath No 8 and was a public right of way. The Parish Council agreed that it could not provide any further assistance to the complainants regarding horses being taken down this footpath until they knew exactly what the classification of this footpath was. It was requested that the Clerk contact ERYC and get them to categorically answer this question and agree to their ownership of the path. It was the opinion of the Parish Council that ERYC must own the footpath as it was ERYC who had tarmacked it and added railings to the side.

9. Councillor Vacancy

It was confirmed that there was now a councillor vacancy and once confirmed by Electoral Services that the Parish Council were free to co-opt a member this vacancy would be advertised accordingly.

10. Approval of Annual Accounts

Copies of the Year End 2018/19 Accounts and Asset Register had been distributed to the members prior to the meeting.

- (i) The Clerk confirmed that Mr Mackie had kindly undertaken the Internal Audit for the Parish Council accounts. There were no issues reported.

- (ii) The Certificate of Exemption was duly signed by both the Clerk and the Chairman.
- (iii) The Annual Governance Statement 2018/19 was approved by all and duly signed by both the Clerk and the Chairman.
- (iv) The Accounting Statements 2018/19 were approved by all and duly signed by both the Clerk and the Chairman.
- (v) The Asset Register was approved by all.
- (vi) It was agreed that the banking signatories would remain the same as Mr Warcup, Mr Overfield and Mr Rhodes.

11. Planning Applications

Applications considered since the last meeting:

19/00870/PLF – Erection of a dwelling to land south east of Ivy Cottage, Long Street, Rudston

There were no further planning applications to be considered at this time.

12. Payment of Accounts

Rudston Parish Council Transactions and Finance Statement for April

<u>Description</u>	<u>Current A/C</u>	<u>Deposit A/C</u>	<u>Total</u>
Opening Balance	£692.56	£1940.11	£2632.67
Clerk's Wages	(£305.37)		
Clerk's Expenses	(£32.50)		
ERVAS Payroll Service	(£22.00)		
Burton Fleming PC – SLCC Membership Contribution	(£35.00)		
Npower – Electricity for Street Lighting	(£1599.95)		
Village Hall Hire	(£7.50)		
Transfer of funds	£1500.00	(£1500.00)	
Precept		£4250.00	
Closing Balance	£190.24	£4690.11	£4880.35

Corner Garden Bird Feed Kitty (included in the balances above):

Balance remaining from Caythorpe Grant	£37.50
Plus anonymous donation received Aug 2018	£50.00
Plus donation received from Mrs Tompkin	£25.00
Plus donation received from Mrs Oliver	£100.47
Balance as at 27 March 2019	£212.97

The above transactions were received and approved by the members.

13. Correspondence

The Clerk confirmed that there were no items of correspondence to be relayed.

14. Members Village Issues

Mr Rhodes requested that the Clerk contact Highways to report the fact that the owner of Westcroft had dug out some of the grass verge to create an access point to his property, the Parish Council were not sure if this was permissible or not.

Mrs Tompkin, on behalf of the Village Hall Committee, asked who was responsible for cleaning the playground equipment and trimming back the overhanging trees above the playground. As a member of the Playground Committee, Mr Rhodes agreed to deal with these two matters.

Mrs Tompkin had been approached by concerned residents about the noisy dogs on Eastgate. Mr Wood confirmed that when he had spoken with ERYC about this matter, they had advised him to keep a diary of the disturbance as evidence. Mrs Tompkin would advise the complainants to do the same.

Mr Warcup reported that the gullies on the opposite side of the road to Tuffnells Glass required attention as they were constantly blocked. It was requested that the Clerk report this to ERYC as these had been missed at the recent Taskforce walkabout.

15. Date and time of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is to be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 26th June 2019, at 7.30p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm